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DEAR MR. ASHCROFT,

PROSECUTE OPEC, NOT MICROSOFT

OPEC IS THE MONOPOLY THAT HAS OPENLY CONSPIRED TO CONTROL PRICES AND THUS ADMITS IT IS A MONOPOLY. THE ONLY WAY I CAN SEE TO DEAL WITH OPEC IS TO ORGANIZE THE OIL IMPORTING NATIONS INTO A GROUP CALLED OPIC (ORGANIZATION OF OIL IMPORTING COUNTRIES). WE COULD THEN WORK TOGETHER TO RESTRICT OR TAX PRODUCTS GOING TO THE OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO FORCE THEM TO DROP OUT OF OPEC.

MICROSOFT, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS INCREASED MY PRODUCTIVITY BY MAKING SURE THAT ALL THEIR PRODUCTS WORK TOGETHER SEAMLESSLY. WHEN I GOT MY FIRST COMPUTER, DOS WAS THE OPERATING SYSTEM AND NOTHING SEEMED TO WORK TOGETHER PROPERLY. THE WINDOWS OPERATING SYSTEM BECAME THE STANDARD BECAUSE CONSUMERS LIKED IT. SO, MICROSOFT CAME TO DOMINATE THE MARKET BY PRODUCING THE BEST PRODUCT, NOT BY CONSPIRING WITH OTHER PRODUCERS TO CONTROL PRICES.

THE ONLY REASON THIS LAWSUIT HAPPENED IS BECAUSE MICROSOFT CHALLENGED THE COMPETITION BY GIVING IT'S BROWSER AWAY FOR FREE AT A TIME WHEN NETSCAPE WAS TRYING TO SELL THEIRS. THAT'S COMPETITION, NOT MONOPOLY. IT WAS GOOD FOR THE CONSUMER. IF THE GOVERNMENT CONSPIRES WITH NETSCAPE TO STOP MICROSOFT FROM GIVING AWAY THEIR BROWSER, THEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BECOMES THE MONOPOLIST, AND THE CONSUMER IS HARMED.

PLEASE STOP THIS INSANE PERSECUTION OF A COMPANY THAT WAS GREATLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRODUCTIVITY INCREASES WE SAW DURING THE 90'S. PLEASE STOP PERSECUTING THE ONE COMPANY THAT HAS BEEN PRODUCING AN ENVIRONMENTALLY CLEAN PRODUCT THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPORT ALL OVER THE WORLD AND HELP WITH OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSED, AND ALLOW MICROSOFT TO USE THE MONEY THEY ARE SPENDING ON THEIR LEGAL DEFENSE TO CREATE THE NEXT NEW PRODUCT WHICH WILL INCREASE OUR PRODUCTIVITY AND STIMULATE OUR ECONOMY BETTER THAN A TAX CUT.

SINCERELY,

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